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SUBJECT: EC-47 AIRCRAFT

1. ON JUNE 18 THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE RECOMENDED
TO THE ASSISTANT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS THAT 52
EC-47 AIRCRAFT PRESENTLY IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND THAILAND BE
DISPOSED OF AS FOLLOWS:

----25 EC-47'S EQUIPPED WITH ALR-34 (MANUAL D/F) AIRBORNE
RADIO DETECTION FINDING (ARDF) SYSTEMS REMAIN IN SVN.

----5 EC-47'S RE-EQUIPPED WITH ALR-35 SYSTEMS REMAIN IN
SVN.

----7 EC-47'S IN THAILAND WITH ALR-35 SYSTEMS TRANSFERRED
TO SVN.

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----5 EC-47'S IN THAILAND RE-EQUIPPED WITH ALR-34 SYSTEMS
TRANSFERRED TO RTG.

----7 EC-47'S EQUIPPED WITH ALR-38 (COMPUTERIZED D/F, HF,
VHF) IN THAILAND RETURNED TO USAF INVENTORY.

----3 EC-47'S EQUIPPED WITH VHF POSITIONS ONLY (NO ARDF
SYSTEMS) TRANSFERRED TO THE ROK FROM THAILAND.

THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE APPROVED BY THE NSC ON JUNE 28.
THE TRANSFER WILL BE MADE UNDER EXCESS DISPOSAL PROCE-
DURES.

2. FOR SAIGON: THIS DISPOSITION OF 7 ADDITIONAL EC-47'S
TO SVN, PLUS UPGRADED CAPABILITY ON 5 OF THE EXISTING
VNAF EC-47'S, PROVIDE SVN WITH A TOTAL OF 37 EC-47 AIR-
CRAFT, FOUR MORE THAN THE CEASE-FIRE INVENTORY. THIS
INCREASE IS NOT CONSIDERED IN VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 7 OF
THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT. WE HAVE TAKEN THE POSITION
THAT ANY C-47 CAN BE SUBSTITUTED FOR ANOTHER C-47. THE
TOTAL NUMBER OF C-47 TYPE AIRCRAFT IN SVN IS CURRENTLY
EIGHT BELOW THE INVENTORY LEVEL OF C-47 AIRCRAFT
AUTHORIZED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT.

3. FOR ALL ACTION ADDRESSEES: DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS
HAVE BEEN FORWARDED SEPARATELY THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS
(OSD/DSAA MESSAGE 8956, 052137Z JULY). YOU ARE
AUTHORIZED TO INFORM LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OF THE NUMBER OF
AIRCRAFT TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES
BUT NOT TO THE OTHER TWO. KISSINGER

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